

EVANGELIST PLEADS WITH UNSAVED

ELEVEN PERSONS RESPOND ON FIRST NIGHT

Big Audience Listens Intently to First Sermon Directed Especially to the Unconverted—People Present From Washington and Various Other Places.

Eleven people left their seats in the audience walked down the aisles to the platform, shook the hand of the evangelist and thus publicly professed Christ when the invitation was given at the tent for the first time last night. The sermon was the first one that had been directed especially to the unsaved and was forceful and effective.

"Because Jericho was asleep all we know of it was that Jesus passed through," said Evangelist Smith in the opening of his sermon on the story of the calling and conversion of Zaccheus the tax gatherer. He spoke from the text found in St. John, 9th chapter and first verse "And Jesus entered and passed through."

"It was a wonderful day for Jericho, but because the people were asleep all we know of it was that He passed through. Think of what a meeting it was when Christ met Zaccheus. Christ, the great Saviour and Zaccheus the great sinner! But old Jericho was asleep; if she had not been there would have been a different story told of her. She didn't know it was a great moment for her—that the Christ was passing through."

"If President Wilson should come and stop in Alexandria the people would flock to see him. The Associated Press would have a representative with him; the man would follow him wherever he went, record all he said and did and tomorrow morning my friends way out in San Francisco and up in Maine would read a column or more about what the President did in Alexandria. But Christ went through Jericho and all the records we have is that he passed through. Old Jericho was asleep. We might have heard that he was shown the walls which fell down when the Israelite hosts walked around them, also the window from which the two spies were let down. But we read nothing about it because Jericho was asleep!

Jesus visits cities today as he did in olden times. Oh, that we had eyes to see Him as he sweeps through old Alexandria! We pastors had but little to do with the interest that has been awakened in these meetings. It is God's work. Christ is visiting Alexandria, and if you don't see the result of his spirit here there is something wrong with your religion—your vision has been blinded.

"Zaccheus was a tax collector, hated by all the people. There wasn't a home in which he was welcome. But he wanted to see Jesus. He was small of stature, so climbed a tree. Most sermons say he was prompted by curiosity. But I don't know that he wasn't conversant with the reports about Christ. I do know that when the opportunity came he was ready to accept Christ. I wonder if you will be as wise? The very fact that you are here is because of his great love. He longs that he might come into your life. Don't play the fool! Don't frustrate God's purposes! But, you say, I haven't the opportunity Zaccheus had. I can't see Christ as he did. I could show that the things which couldn't stop Zaccheus stopped you."

"There's many a woman in this tent who expects to take her stand for Christ some day, but she's afraid of the crowd—and men, too, they can't stand the laughs of the bunch, the crowd. Any fool can lean up against a bar and drink or go to Washington and spend the night with some prostitute and say he had a good time, but it takes real manhood and real womanhood to resist temptation. But there'll come a time when you will have to stand alone."

"The evangelist related a personal experience of his own in resisting temptation when he told a bunch of his fellows over in New York City one night that he had given his heart to God. Said he: 'Never will I forget their sneers and horse laughs! They pierced my heart! Oh, the damning crowd that stands between us and God.' 'Another thing which keeps many

Gypsy Smith, Jr., Epigrams

Take the churches, schools, hospital and ministers from Alexandria and real estate will depreciate 99 per cent.

We are always ready to put the work on someone else.

Because you say there is no hell doesn't alter the fact.

Sin always breed bondage—and it's a hard master.

I would sooner be in a negro shanty with my family and God than in the finest mansion in Alexandria without him.

When you get so high-toned that you can't have a revival you better close up your churches.

Sin builds your police courts, jails and asylums.

God doesn't know you by your name on the family Bible—he knows you by what you are.

Any fool can go to hell, but it takes a real man or woman and real effort to turn and start toward heaven.

from Christ is that they are circumscribed—half damned before they are born. I know a man who can't touch fermented wine. I can't myself. I wouldn't touch the stuff if it came from the hands of a preacher. I can't go near it. Hundreds of children inherit similar weakness. God may not hold you responsible for what your parents handed down, but he will hold you responsible for what you do with Christ.

"Supposing Zaccheus had said when he was told to come down, 'I don't want to do these things in all this excitement, see me at my home or somewhere else away from the crowd,' and I imagine Christ would have said, 'I'm on my way to the cross, I've got no time to fool, make haste, come down.'"

"It costs something to confess Christ before the people; it costs to do these things before the world. If I hadn't done as I did I would have been a lying, cursing gypsy, but instead I have the honor of preaching the word of Christ and this first night as I give the invitation won't you come? I have preached the best I know how, haven't spared myself and I plead with you to give your hearts to God and line up with us to save old Alexandria."

"As sure as you accept Him there'll be a changed home at your house. God will make you remember your marriage vows, you'll make the wife happy, men; and women you will make your husbands rejoice."

"I remember while preaching in Indiana of a great big strapping fellow who used to hang around club rooms at night until he wouldn't get home until late hours. One night he got in at seven o'clock and his wife was so surprised she thought he was sick. When she found out he had been to the tent and given his heart to God she was so happy she went up-stairs, took their two little girls from bed, brought them down in their nightgowns and they all knelt down and prayed. Don't you think there was happiness in that home that night?"

The eleven persons who responded to the invitation then went forward to the platform while the choir sang, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Sale of Home Made Cakes.

Saturday morning, September 16, at No. 602 King street. For benefit of Ann Lee Memorial Home of the Aged. Open at 8:30 a. m. 216.1t.

Alexandria City News Condensed

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Gardner E. Tish and Genevieve Monroe, both of Alexandria, Va.

At the Odd Fellows' Hall tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock, Elder W. A. Spicer, secretary of the world conference of the seventh day adventists and who travels all over the world visiting the different missionary stations and workers, will preach on some of his experiences; and the special message that is going rapidly to the world at this time. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Republican committee of the Eighth district of Virginia held a meeting in the city yesterday at Hotel Rammel, at which H. P. Lodge of Manassas, district chairman, presided. H. A. Sager, of Richmond acted as secretary. The candidacy of Joseph L. Crupper, the congressional candidate who will oppose Congressman C. C. Carlin was discussed among other matters up for consideration.

The Great Council of the United States of the Improved Order of Red Men, which has been holding its 69th great sun council fire in Wildwood, N. J., concluded its session yesterday afternoon. Among the appointments made by the incoming Great Inchoonee, Judge J. H. Jeffries of Atlanta, Georgia, was that of past great sachem, Walter S. Nicklin of this city, on the committee on ceremonies, a committee which has the all important work of preparing a ritual for the Junior Branches of the Order. Lone Star camp of this city is the first branch of this auxiliary instituted in the United States. The next session of the Great Council will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in September 1918.

Notes and Announcements.

Prof. Cole's "lost and found" department receives an addition to its collection almost every evening. Included in the list are purses, song books, eye glasses, hats, hatpins and handkerchiefs.

Delegations were present from Rockville, Leesburg, Washington and other places last night.

There will be a song rehearsal for all children seven years of age and older at the tent this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Saturday evening the big choir will give up the platform to the children's choir of boys and girls who will lead in the singing that night.

Tonight will be Labor night, invitations having been given all the labor organizations to attend. Rev. Paul Langhorne, pastor of Petworth Baptist Church in Washington, attended the service and made the prayer of invocation last night.

SPEAKS AT THE TEMPLE

Gypsy Smith Meets Members of Martha Washington Chapter Yesterday Afternoon.

Gypsy Smith, the evangelist, appeared at the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon, where the members of Martha Washington Chapter, Order Eastern Star, had gathered together with many members of the Masonic fraternity, before whom he delivered an interesting and impressive address. Mr. Smith was introduced by Mrs. Frank W. Latham. At the conclusion of his address the evangelist was presented by H. Noel Garner, on behalf of the chapter with a copy of Past Master C. H. Callahan's book, "Washington, the Man and the Mason."

Firemen's Night.

To the members of Relief Hook and Ladder Co., Columbia Steam Fire Engine Co., and Reliance Steam Fire Engine Co.

As the representatives of those in charge of the Gypsy Smith, Jr. evangelistic campaign the undersigned committee hereby extends an earnest invitation to you, as firemen of this city, and to each one of you personally, to attend the service on Tuesday evening next, September 19th, at the tent on upper King street, and if possible to appear in uniform. 1-216-3t Executive Committee.

Norfolk Oysters on sale at the Rammel Cafe.

Master Richard Kemper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kemper of Rosemont, is visiting Master Robert Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Payne at Ocean City, Md.

Mrs. Charles V. Poser formerly Miss Kitty Barrett of this city, now living in St. John's, New Brunswick, is the guest of her mother Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett in Duke street.

Miss Adah Levi of Berryville, Va., who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Bessie Marks, in north Royal street returned to her home today.

A cake sale for the benefit of Anne Lee Memorial Home of the Aged will be held tomorrow morning at 602 King street.

Miss Mamie Graham is the guest of Mrs. F. S. Harper at her summer home, Mt. Chichester.

Arrangements have practically been completed by a number of ladies of St. Mary's Church for a musical to be held on Wednesday evening, October 4, in the auditorium of the Elks' Home. The proceeds of the evening will be applied to the parochial school fund. Refreshments will be served and following the affair a number of young people have arranged for a dance.

A suit for \$5,000 damages was begun in the circuit court today before Judge J. B. T. Thornton. The plaintiff is Emma Williams, colored against Joseph C. Gates, defendant. Both of this city. The alleged cause of action is for damages said to have been sustained by the plaintiff through falling into a ditch which had not been properly filled in by the defendant, it is claimed. Aylett B. Nicol represents the plaintiff and John M. Johnson the defendant.

SHELL IMPERILS FAMILY.

Charge from First of United States Navy's Sixteen-Inch Guns Cuts Through House at Indian Head, Md.

It was almost dinner time, and Mrs. Mary Swann, of Indian Head, Md., near the Government's great gun testing grounds, was busy preparing the midday meal for her family. The 12 o'clock whistle had blown and the meal was cooked.

She removed it from the stove, her children playing about her, and walked into the dining room, to set the table.

Then came a terrible crash. "Was the house falling down?" was her first concern. It careened, shook, and a horrible, rending noise arose. She went to see what was the matter.

A huge mass of steel had passed through the entire house, traveling at an incredible speed and crashing through the substantial walls as through tissue paper.

It was a 16-inch solid shell which had passed through the walls of the Swann home, wrecking its force on the kitchen and porch. If the shell had been fired two minutes earlier Mrs. Swann and her children would not be alive today, they claim, for its path was within two inches of the stove on which Mrs. Swann was preparing dinner.

ALLIED TROOPS VICTORIOUS

Greatest Victory Since Balkan Offensive was Launched.

Paris, Sept. 15.—Allied troops have scored the greatest victories against the Germans and Bulgarians since the Balkan offensive began. It was officially announced today.

The Serbs drove the Bulgarians back ten miles in hasty retreat on the allied left wing, capturing Garinchevo by a brilliant bayonet charge and the major part of the crest of Markandje. Serbian cavalry pursued the retreating Bulgarians and captured the village of Okesessu.

British troops have captured Matchoukevo and two heights north of the village. On the right bank of the Vardar, the French captured Bulgarian trenches to a depth of 600 yards on a front of nearly a mile.

Saloniki, Sept. 15.—Bulgarian troops are falling back upon the Greek town of Florina, hotly pursued by the Serbians, who have captured the principal heights of Markandje. The Serbs have captured twenty guns.

Mrs. Peter von Westerlaken has been on a two weeks visit to friends in Washington.

Miss Eleanor Williams of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Emily Johnson in Prince street.

Miss Elizabeth Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Howell was operated on Tuesday for appendicitis at the Alexandria Hospital. Her condition is improving.

Mrs. Edward Jones Evans and Miss Florence Evans have returned from Havre, Montana where they spent the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hulfish.

Mr. Peter von Westerlaken formerly brewmaster of Portner Brewing Company in this city, has accepted a position as general superintendent with the American Beverage Company at Canandaigua, N. Y.

The Gazette learns just before going to press that the suit of Charles E. Williams against Aitchison and Brother, referred to in these columns yesterday, has been dismissed from record owing to a compromise having been made by the parties interested.

Miss Ruth M. Priest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Priest, was married to Mr. Raymond A. Devers, carrier at the city post office, last night at eight o'clock at St. Mary's parsonage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. F. Kelly. Miss Kathleen Hassan and Mr. Joseph Lash were the attendants at the wedding. The bride and groom left for a wedding trip to Atlantic City and Philadelphia. Upon their return they will reside in this city.

WOULD DIE, BUT NOT YIELD.

Mayor of Wilkes-Barre's Ultimatum to Strikers and Rioters.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Sept. 14.—Mayor John V. Kosek, at a meeting of Council this week, bitterly denounced the Allied Trade Union leaders of the Wyoming Valley for their threat to call a general sympathetic strike of all crafts to aid the striking car men. Kosek declared that such threats had brought about the reign of terror in this city ever since the trolley strikes has been on. He declared such threats were unpatriotic and un-American.

Mayor Kosek declared that his life had been threatened, threats made against his family and that threats had been made to destroy his home. He declared that he was ready for the assassin's bullet, if his life had to be paid for peace and order, well knowing that if he paid the price other men would take his place to suppress violence and lawlessness.

The bitter words of Mayor Kosek came when some spectators at the Council meeting hissed as a representative of business men appeared to publicly thank him for his determination to enforce city laws and put down rioting.

With quivering voice, the Mayor declared the time had come to declare himself. He said that he had no side to take in the trolley strike, but that as the chief executive of the city he had a duty to perform, and intended to perform it, irrespective of threats and labor leaders.

MISSING MAN RETURNS.

Finds His Wife Divorced Him and Daughters are Married.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 15.—Lester Grossfield walked out of his home in Louisville fifteen years ago and never returned. His wife ultimately thought he was dead and taught his daughters, four and nine years old, to believe he was.

A few days ago he entered the grocery of his brother, Wood Grossfield, here and asked about his family. Wood told him his wife had remarried after getting a divorce, and his daughters were now Mrs. Wick Seabolt and Mrs. Forrest Wheeler, both of Fern Creek, Louisville.

After his disappearance Grossfield enlisted in the army at St. Louis and was stationed in Manila and Japan.

Hard Shelled Crabs at the Rammel Cafe, Royal Street.

WILSON TO TAKE UP GAUNTLET

Will Defend Settlement of Recently Threatened Strike

WORDS NOT PERSONAL

In Campaign the President Will Devote Himself to Telling of Recent Achievements

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 15.—The part President Wilson is to take in the campaign for his re-election was discussed here yesterday by the President, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Postmaster-General Burleson and Secretary Tumulty. The plans it was announced will be put into final shape at a meeting here on Monday between President Wilson, Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Homer S. Cummings, head of the speakers' bureau of the national committee.

The President will not begin his "porch campaign" at Shadow Lawn until next week. He has definitely decided to make no speeches away from here, except before nonpartisan organizations. He will accept the challenge of Charles E. Hughes, the Republican nominee, on the issue created by the settlement of the recently threatened railroad strike.

Mr. Wilson also has decided to avoid personalities as much as possible and devote himself strictly to telling of the achievements of his administration and to attacks on the Republican party.

The President will dwell particularly on the prosperity of the country and on his plans for the "industrial preparedness" of the country to meet the problem which he expects will develop after the close of the European War. In this connection it became known today that as soon as Congress convenes in December he will make further efforts to have passed a bill allowing American exporters to utilize common selling agencies abroad. A threatened filibuster prevented the passage of a similar measure by Congress during the closing days of the last session.

He made tentative plans for leaving here next Monday night for St. Louis to address an association of underwriters. His speech on that occasion will be devoted almost entirely to business. It is possible, however, that the trip may be canceled if there should be a sudden turn for the worse in the condition of Mrs. Anne E. Howe, his sister, who is critically ill at New London, Conn.

ALEXANDRIAN HONORED

J. R. Caton, Elected Member of General Counsel of American Bar Association.

At the recent meeting of the American Bar Association, held in Chicago, Mr. James R. Caton, of Alexandria, was elected a member of the General Counsel of that body; and at the meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws held also in Chicago, he was appointed a member of the following committees: Committee on Corporations; Committee on Marriage and Divorce; Committee on Uniformity of Judicial Decisions; Committee on Wills Descent and Distribution.

NEWSBOY UNDER BOND.

Charged With Selling Papers in Atlanta Containing Liquor Advertisements.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 15.—Matthew Mindy, a newsboy, was held under \$500 bond here yesterday charged with selling New York, Jacksonville and Cincinnati newspapers containing liquor advertisements.

It is the first case of its kind to be brought here under Georgia's new prohibition law.

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe.

MALT LIQUORS TO BE BARRED

So Rules Attorney General in Answering the Commissioner

IS UPHELD BY COURT

Decision Written by Judge John Buchanan Clearly Defines the Point Now at Issue

Richmond, Sept. 15.—Liquor containing any malt whatsoever, whether the same is considered intoxicating or not, cannot be sold in Virginia after November 1. This is understood to be the decision of the attorney general on a question asked by Prohibition Commissioner Peters several be the decision of the attorney general has not completed the ruling on the point raised, it is known that there is a case decided by the supreme court of appeals of Virginia which will be the basis on the ruling. In that opinion, which was written by Judge John A. Buchanan, now retired, the court said:

"It seems to be well settled that the general term 'malt liquors' includes both intoxicating and non-intoxicating malt liquors."

In this opinion the court further says: "Black, in his article on intoxicating liquors, in 23 Cyc. 41, 60, says that 'if the statute specifically forbids the unlicensed sale of malt liquors, the question of the intoxicating properties of the liquor sold is immaterial; it is only necessary to determine whether it was a malt liquor.'"

That was in the case of the Commonwealth against Goodwin, from Prince William county, reported in 109 Virginia Reports, and there is good reason for believing that the attorney general will hold the opinion expressed above when the ruling in the matter is handed down this week.

CONFESSES TRAIN ROBBERY

Charles Jefferson Harrison Sentenced to Twelve Years in Atlanta Penitentiary.

Martinsburg, W. Va., Sept. 15.—Charles Jefferson Harrison, of San Antonio, made a full confession of the train robbery with which he was charged in the United States Court here Wednesday before Judge Dayton. Sentence of twelve years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at Atlanta was immediately imposed.

Harrison presented a pathetic figure when he answered to the bar to confess, after pleading not guilty yesterday to the nine indictments. Weak and emaciated by tuberculosis, his voice was scarcely audible.

The crime was the robbery of a Baltimore and Ohio train near Central Station, W. Va., on October 8, 1915. With Harrison was implicated Eugene Dietz, who will be placed on trial next, and H. Grady Webb, who never has been arrested.

The robbers took from the express car of the train more than \$10,000 in unsigned bank notes, much of which has been recovered.

"NIGHT RIDERS" ACTIVE.

Terrorize Cotton Pickers in Crawford County, Ark., by Their Threats

Mulberry, Ark., Sept. 15.—Cotton pickers in Crawford county were terrorized and picking brought to an abrupt close on Tuesday night as the result of depredations of "night riders," according to reports received here yesterday. Pickers now are working under guard, and eight men have been brought before Judge Scott for trial for alleged night-riding.

It is said the pickers were warned by the raiders they must quit picking for 75 and 80 cents per 100 pounds and hold out for \$1. Masked men, it is reported told the workers "they would swing at the end of ropes" if they refused to obey the injunction. Pickers say 200 to 300 men participated in the raids.